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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS: SHELTON AND MORAN

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1. STAFFDEL SHELTON/MORAN HAD SUCCESSFUL NOVEMBER 19-24 VISIT. STAFFDEL HAD MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, DCM, DAO, AID DIRECTOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS. ALSO HAS PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS ON WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS INCLUDING ARAB BOYCOTT, SOUTHERN AFRICA, NUCLEAR ENERGY MATTERS WITH DIRECTOR OF MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT, DIRECTOR OF MFA AFRICAN DEPARTMENT, CHAIRMAN OF EGYPTIAN ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AND EDITOR IN CHIEF OF AKHBAR AL YAWM. ON NOVEMBER 21 STAFFDEL VISITED ISMAILIA AND SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY ACCOMPANIED BY COMMERCIAL OFFICER EIGHMIE.

2. NOVEMBER 22-24 STAFFDEL SHELTON VISITED LUXOR AND ASWAN. STAFFDEL ORAN HAD FURTHER MEETINGS INCLUDING SOVIET CHARGE AKOPOV AND CHEF DE CABINET OF MFA UNDERSECRETARY. MORAN WAS ALSO GUEST AT

TWO DINNERS GIVEN BY MFA OFFICIALS WHERE HE HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR WIDE RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIVATE EGYPTIANS. ONLY DISSA-POINTMENT

IN STAFFDEL SCHEDULE WAS INABILITY TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH MILITARY OFFICER UNTIL LAST MINUTE WHEN IT CONFLICTED WITH ANOTHER APPOINTMENT. THIS WAS RESULT FOR STIRCTURES ON MILITARY OFFICERS MEETING WITH "POLITICAL " OFFICIALS".

OTHERWISE, EMBASSY CONSIDERS VISIT MOST USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE ON BOTH SIDES SINCE STAFFDEL WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE SAMPLING OF CONGRESS-

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THINKING ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO EGYPT WHICH WORKING LEVEL
OFFICIALS DO NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN FROM CODELS.
RECOMMEND THAT DEPT ENCOURAGE MORE KEY STAFFERS ON MIDDLE EAST TO
VISIT EGYPT.
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